

# NEW WHITELAND TOWN COUNCIL

July 21, 2020

## MEETING MINUTES

Town Council President John Perrin opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. with the pledge to the American flag. Council members present were John Perrin, John Schilawski and Scott Alspach. Also present were Attorney Lee Robbins and Clerk-Treasurer Maribeth Alspach. Councilman Alspach offered the opening prayer. Councilmen Frank Vaughn and Mike Rogier were absent.

### MINUTES

Councilman Alspach moves to approve the minutes of the July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 3 affirmative.**

### HARDSHIPS / ADJUSTMENTS

None.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents copies of the Fund Report and Docket for approval for July 21<sup>st</sup>. Councilman Schilawski moves to approve and ratify all reports and is seconded by Councilman Alspach. **Vote 3 affirmative.**

### OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Joe McMahon, 136 Brentwood has several questions:

Are inground pools permitted in New Whiteland? Attorney Robbins states that they are if your lot meets the necessary setback, easement and utility requirements.

He is removing his patio and deck and replacing both – will he need a permit or is it “grandfathered”? Attorney Robbins asks if it will be the same size and Mr. McMahon states it will be a couple feet larger. Robbins asks if the cost will exceed \$500 – McMahon replies that it will.

McMahon states there are lots of violations in the Raintree subdivision including people putting in gravel driveways, parking in their yards and accumulating trash and junk on their property. Attorney Robbins advises him to contact the Compliance Officer at the Town Hall and report the violations so that they can be addressed.

Wayne Judd, 61 Hilltop Farms Blvd. thanks the New Whiteland Fire Department for participating in their neighborhood July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. He also commends Compliance Officer Bob Downey and the Town Council on the work that they are doing. He asks if the drainage work that is being planned will impact Hilltop Farms. Utility Supt. Gillock states the work is being done in Raintree but will hopefully help improve the drainage for Hilltop Farms as well.

### BID OPENING

Attorney Robbins states that we have received for bids for the 2020 Manhole Rehabilitation Project. We invited five (5) bidders and received three (3) bids. Robbins open the bids and reads the results:

Redina Construction Company	\$135,275.00
Culy Contractors	\$ 54,576.40
Structured Solutions	\$ 71,394.90

Robbins states that Culy Contractors appear to have the low bid. He and Utility Supt. Gillock will review the bid for compliance and responsiveness and report back at the next

meeting. Gillock states the engineer's estimate was \$111,000.00 and he had budgeted \$150,000.00 for this work so he is well pleased with the bid results.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Wastewater Project Close Out

President Perrin states that Mark Sullivan of Midwestern Engineers has submitted the final payment claim for Mitchell & Starke and the close out documents for the project. Utility Supt. Gillock states all work has been completed and accepted. President Perrin will execute the documents.

#### Tot Park

Public Works Supt. McCauslin states that he contracted with IXOYE Engineers to do the survey on Tot Park. They were able to locate all of the original pins except one (1) and all of the existing fencing is 6" inside the boundary lines. The fence on 1114 Ashland will need to be relocated to the south. McCauslin goes on to show two (2) renderings of proposed parking lot and driveway areas.

Angela DeVoss, 137 Brentwood expresses some concern about the driveway and asks that speed bumps be installed so that traffic will be slow for the safety of the children in the park area. McCauslin says speed pumps and a 5 MPH speed limit would be required.

McCauslin adds there will be two (2) pedestrian entrances; one off Ashland and the other off Windemere. Attorney Robbins recommends revising the parking area to a horseshoe layout which would eliminate cars having to back out.

#### SRF Project Easement

Attorney Robbins states that he just received a notice from Pastor Jeff Sanders that the easement paperwork has been approved. He will get a signed copy to Attorney Robbins.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Software Changes for Payment Plans – COVID -19

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach presents Keystone's proposal to allow for payment plans. The one-time cost is \$900.00. Councilman Alspach moves to approve Keystone's proposal and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 3 affirmative.** No decision is made on when the payment plans will be set up or begin.

#### Website

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach states all departments are working diligently on this and we hope to launch the new site by October 1<sup>st</sup> if not sooner.

#### Security / Intercom System

Clerk-Treasurer Alspach states the intercom system is working out very well. Signage has been ordered for the exterior of the building to identify the intercom buttons as well as our night drop box. Public Works Supt. McCauslin states he is also getting pricing for speak-thru shields for the windows in both the town hall and police department.

#### Street Department

Public Works Supt. McCauslin reports that the work on Warwick has started. Harding Group has run into an issue with their dump site and this afternoon they hit a gas line. They have

started removing the asphalt and are marking out the ADA ramps.

McCauslin adds that Indiana American Water and Wallace Construction are doing the repair work at the intersection on Hollybrook and Melrose that resulted from a water main break earlier this year. McCauslin is inspecting the work as it is being performed. This work should be completed this week.

Grassy Manor contacted McCauslin and said that they plan to begin installing streets soon. Most of the utilities have been installed.

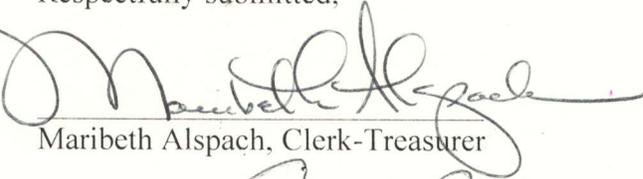
**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

Ordinance 2020-12

Attorney Robbins introduces the bond ordinance on first reading. This ordinance was prepared by our bond counsel and authorizes the SRF Stormwater Project and the issuance and sale of revenue bonds to finance the project in a not to exceed amount of \$1,200,000.00. We will be financing through the SRF loan program and this ordinance is a requirement for closing the loan. Councilman Alspach moves to adopt the ordinance on first reading and is seconded by Councilman Schilawski. **Vote 3 affirmative.** This item will be placed on the August 4<sup>th</sup> agenda.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Maribeth Alspach, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved:   
John Perrin, President